THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) These five bulk drugs have been included under price control on the grounds that the turnover of each of the bulk drugs, exceeded Rupees fifty lakhs.

(b) As per available information there was no indigenous production of these drugs during the last three years, period ending 1988-89. However, Diclofenac Sodium and Povidone Iodine are now being manufactured in the country.

(c) No, Sir. However, it would be ensured that the complete exercise is done within minimum possible time.

(d) and (e). A number of representations have been received against wrong exclusion of certain bulk drugs from price control. 26 such bulk have already been brought under price control. The Standing Committee is looking into other cases.

Reduction in the prices of Mellaril tablets

2937. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 3 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have effected second reduction in the prices of Mellaril tablets in the past four months;

(b) if so, on what basis such reduction has been brought about and what are the details in this regard ;

(c) what are the names of the formulations for which prices have been revised after refixation of drug prices;

(d) what was the original price of each and what is the revised price in each case;

(e) what are the names of formulations based on these drugs for which reduced prices have not been implemented so far; and

(f) what are the reasons therefor and by when fair prices would be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of Mellaril tablets which are based on bulk drug Thioridazine were initially reduced in the month of March, 1990 based on the weighted average, c.i.f. price of Thioridazine during 1988-89, plus exchange escalation of 11.7%. However, subsequent this Department called for the details of import of bulk drug Thioridazine from the various formulators of this drug. Based on the c.i.f. price of imports from other sources, the prices of formulations based on Thioridazine have been reduced for the second time which includes Mellaril tablets also.

(c) and (d) A Statement giving the names of the formulations for which prices have been revised and other requisite details is annexed. (*See below*).

(e) and (f) The position is being ascertained from the concerned manufacturers.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Formulation	pack Size	Original price as per MIMS Jan. 1990	Present price
	M/s. Sandoz (India) Limited			
1	Mellerets Tablets 5 mg.	5x20's	29·78	19·82
2	Mellerial Tablets 10 mg.	10's	4·48	2·48
3	Melleril Tablets 25 mg.	20's	20·46	10·50
4	Melleril Tablets 100 mg.	100's	368·90	16·49
	**M/s. Intas Labs. Pvt. Ltd.*			
1	Mellozine Tablets 25 mg.	10's	7·40	4·90
2	Mellozine Tablets 50 mg.	10's	14·00	9·40
	**M/s. Sun Pharmaceutical Indus.*			
1	Ridazin Tabs. 10 mg.	10's	3·50	2·48
2	Ridazin Tabs. 25 mg.	10's	7·50	4·90
3	Ridazin Tabs. 50 mg.	10's	14·00	9·00
4	Ridazin Tabs. 100 mg.	10's	25·00	17·19
	**M/s. Torrent Pharmaceuticals*			
1	Thioril Tabs. 10 mg.	10's	3·50	2·48
2	Thioril Tabs. 25 mg.	10's	7·50	4 90
3	Thioril Tabs. 50 mg.	10's	14·00	9·00
4	Thioril Tabs. 100 mg.	10's	25·00	17·19

*These companies have claimed that they are in the small scale sector.

Monopoly import of injections

2938. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1319 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th August, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Fortum injection is out of price control;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is only one importer of this medicine in the country;

(c) if so, what is the name of the importer;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the injection is being imported from their principals;

(e) if so, what is the source of import;

(f) whether it is a fact that there is over invoicing in import of this injection;